GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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NGT Observations over Ganga River Cleaning
Azad Shri Kirti (JHA)

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has made certain observations on efficacy of Government efforts in cleaning of Ganga river and stated that till now not even a single drop of Ganga river has been cleaned and the money is being wasted in the process and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the reaction of the Government thereto;
(c) the year-wise quantum of amount allocated and spent for Namami Gange Mission since its inception; and
(d) the effect of this mission on cleaning of Ganga river so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The NGT during the course of hearing in O.A. No. 200/2014 (M.C. Mehta Vs. Union of India & Ors.) have made certain adverse observations on efficacy of various schemes and programmes undertaken for cleaning of river Ganga.

(b) The government has intensified its efforts for pollution abatement of river Ganga. Cleaning of river Ganga is being carried out through various activities including treatment of municipal sewage, treatment of industrial effluent, river surface cleaning, rural sanitation, afforestation & bio-diversity etc. The municipal sewage being generated in cities on banks of Ganga is being managed by a mix of Interception & Diversion projects, sewerage network and Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) projects. As per condition assessment and feasibility study carried out by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), 3078 Million Litres Per Day (MLD) of sewage is generated by the towns situated on the main stem of river Ganga. As of today, sewage treatment capacity available is 1315 Mld. National Mission for Clean Ganga has already approved projects for creation of additional 1075 Mld and these projects are at various stages of implementation.

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(c) The year-wise quantum of amount allocated and spent for Namami Gange Mission from Financial year 2014-15 to 2017-18 till 30th June, 2017 is tabulated below:

FY 2014-15 to 2017-18 till 30.06.2017
(Rs. in Crores)

Financial Year	Funds Allocated	Actual Spent/ Expenditure
2014-15	326.00	170.99
2015-16	1,632.00	602.60
2016-17	1,675.00	1,062.81
2017-18	105.46	
Total	3,633.00	1,941.86

(d) Considering the projects completed so far, a total of 1315 mld of waste water treatment capacity has been created. On completion of ongoing projects, significant improvement in water quality will be achieved.

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